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Title:	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE RAPID ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS		

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Divisional application filed herewith, entry of the amendments and consideration of the application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

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